" (*c*) Neither of the two Deputy Collectors, Sri A. V. Loganatha Mudaliar and Sri S. A. Sundararajan, was promoted as Collector before they were sent to Pondicherry, but Sri A. V. Loganatha Mudaliar was promoted to the grade of Collector with effect from 7th December 1954 when his turn came. He is a Hindu.

" (*d*) The selection of officers was not made with reference to communities to which they belong. So far as the Deputy Collectors were concerned, the Government of India desired that senior men should be deputed."

Manufacture of improved agricultural implements.

* 1396 *Q.*—Sri A. Ratnam : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government appointed a State Advisory Committee to review the programmes in the manufacture of improved agricultural implements in the State and to make suggestions, if any, to the manufacturer based on the tests carried out under the supervision of the Agriculture Department;

(*b*) whether the suggestions were forwarded to the Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi, by the State Government;

(*c*) the varieties of tools manufactured;

(*d*) the amount so far spent in the matter;

(*e*) how these agricultural tools were distributed in the year 1953; and

(*f*) how many ryots were benefited?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*b*) *to* (*f*) The non-official members of the Committee were appointed only in the third week of December last and the Committee has not yet met. The Director of Agriculture, who is the President of the Committee has reported that a meeting of the Committee is being convened and necessary action will be taken as soon as the Committee meets and makes its suggestions."

Sri V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Is any member of the Legislature in that Committee? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" No, Sir, there is no representative of the Legislature as such in that Committee."